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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) was submitted on July 23, 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Goddard (US006684240B1).

Regarding claim 1, Goddard discloses a method for personalizing rating limits in a parental control system (See Fig. 3), comprising:

enabling reproduction of a rating sample (e.g. television media that is example content) having a first rating (e.g. G, PG, PG-13, R, etc.) from a first source (e.g. MPAA) (See col. 1 lines 41-46 and col. 5 lines 52-67);

detecting a user input indicating the acceptability of the rating sample (See Fig. 5; col. 10 lines 15-45; the user inputs whether the example content is acceptable or not);

generating a first transition point (e.g. adjusting the acceptable content rating parameters) based on the user input (See Fig. 5, user input) and the first rating (e.g. G, PG, PG-13, R, etc.) (See col. 7 lines 31-41); and

using the first transition point (e.g. the acceptable content rating parameters) to determine whether data from the first source is output or blocked (See Fig. 3; col. 7 lines 31-41).

Regarding claim 2, wherein the rating sample (e.g. the television media serving as example content) further includes a second rating (e.g. TV-G, TV-PG, etc.) from a second source (e.g. TV parental guideline) (See col. 7 lines 53-66), and further comprised of:

generating a second transition point (e.g. equating the TV rating to a MPAA rating within the acceptable content rating parameters) based on the user input (See Fig. 5, user input) and the second rating (e.g. TV-G, TV-PG, etc.); and

using the second transition point to determine whether data from the second source is output or blocked (See Fig. 3; col. 7 lines 31-41).

Regarding claim 3, wherein the user input indicates an MPAA rating (See col. 5 lines 52-67 and col. 7 lines 31-42; the user inputs to block/unblock content based on an example content, wherein the user selects/inputs the example content which indicates an MPAA rating or a TV parental guideline rating).

Regarding claim 4, wherein the user input indicates a TV Parental Guidelines rating (See col. 5 lines 52-67 and col. 7 lines 31-42; the user inputs to block/unblock content based on an example content, wherein the user selects/inputs the example content which indicates an MPAA rating or a TV parental guideline rating).

Regarding claim 5, wherein the user input indicates the acceptability of the rating sample for one or more individuals (See Fig. 5; col. 10 lines 23-34).

Regarding claim 6, wherein the ratings sample comprises at least one of video data, audio data and text data (See col. 3 lines 61-67; wherein broadcast television and cable television inherently have video data).

Claim 7 contains the limitations of claim 1 (wherein Goddard discloses an apparatus (See Figs. 2 and 6)) and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims. Furthermore, Goddard discloses an interface means (See col. 5 lines 5-14) and a control means (See Fig. 6, processing system 602).

Claim 8 contains the limitations of claims 2 and 7 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 9 contains the limitations of claims 3 and 7 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 10 contains the limitations of claims 4 and 7 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 11 contains the limitations of claims 5 and 7 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 12 contains the limitations of claims 6 and 7 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 13 contains the limitations of claim 1 (wherein Goddard discloses a television signal receiver (See Figs. 2 and 6)) and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims. Furthermore, Goddard discloses an interface (See col. 5 lines 5-14) and a processor (See Fig. 6, processing system 602).

Claim 14 contains the limitations of claims 2 and 13 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 15 contains the limitations of claims 3 and 13 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 16 contains the limitations of claims 4 and 13 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 17 contains the limitations of claims 5 and 13 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Claim 18 contains the limitations of claims 6 and 13 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please take note of Herrington et al. (US006922843B1) for their similar parental control system.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSEPH G. USTARIS whose telephone number is (571)272-7383. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5 PM; Alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher S. Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Joseph G Ustaris/ Examiner, Art Unit 2623 March 10, 2008